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DSU Baseball Wins NCAA National Championship, DII. Courtesy: GO Green Magazine

The President's Message





When I arrived on the campus of Delta State University on September 1, 2003, I set what could have been seen as an audacious goal for the institution: Delta State will be the best regional university in America. Frankly I wasn't sure how people would respond. Would the faculty and staff consider the goal attainable, or would they think it beyond the reach of a university with limited resources? Would the public believe this to be a serious goal, or would most people see it as no more than a marketing slogan? And how would students react?

My sense from the moment that I decided to accept the presidency at DSU was that this is an institution with a sincere commitment to rhe people and the communities of the Mississippi Delta. Faculty arrange and place students in service learning opportunities with regional organizations that offer meaningful experiences and real world education. Staff members work with grant-making

organizations to generate funding for programs that bring benefit to the Delta's school districts and communities. In turn, the university enjoys the support and encouragement of people throughout the Delta region. The field was ripe, in other words, to harvest the result we were seeking, namely, making Delta State the best regional university in America.

As all loyal DSU alumni and friends know by now, one team took the goal quite literally this past year. The Statesmen baseball team won their first national championship after several near misses over the history of the program. No one can dispute that they are the best in America, and

we're all enjoying the attention that they have brought to the university. It has been a treat to watch these fine student-athletes humbly accept the praise that has come their way. (You will enjoy reading more about their success in this publication.)

"A good regional university does many of these things. The best regional university in America must do them all and do them well!"

For most who work each day at DSU there is no literal national championship to win, but that fact dulls neither their satisfaction nor our admiration for the important contributions that they make to the successes of others. Delta State University lays claim to being the best because of the efforts of hundreds of faculty and staff, the energy and positive potential of thousands of students, and the good will and support of tens of rhousands of alumni and friends. Thank you for everything that you do. Here's the definition of our goal that I wrote for the inaugural program in April 2004:

Delta State University's goal is to be the best regional university in America. Regional universities are unique within higher education because their mission mandates certain characteristics, among which can be . . .

- Preparing students for participation in the civic affairs of the region.
- Producing outstanding graduates who become leaders in the region.
- Engaging with the history and culture of the region.
- Participating in the economic development of the region.
- Catalyzing partnerships that bring benefits to the region.
- Modeling good corporate citizenship for the businesses of the region.
- Leading the development of the educational community within the region.
- Attracting professional resources to the region.
- Offering arts and entertainment events within the region.
- Generating financial resources that apply to the needs of the region.
- Introducing the latest in knowledge and technology to the region.
- Creating programs specific to individuals and communities within the region.
- Addressing issues related to quality of life for residents of the region.
- Connecting the interests of state and federal policymakers with those of the region.
- Enjoying the support of the people of the region.

A good regional university does many of these things. The best regional university in America must do them all and do them well!

John M. Hilpert, President



The Best Regional University in America Delta State University

Students and parents alike utilize guides such as US News and World Report Best College Guide when making selections about college. This fall, Delta State University approved in a special section, highlighting several initiatives staking the claim Delta State is the "Best Regional University in America." Pick up a copy and share with a future Statesman you know.

On news stands NOW!

More Students

by Beverly Moon

Freshman numbers for 2004 are up about 16%; transfer student numbers are also increased over last year's by 32%. Early data show that enrollment of both on- and off-campus students has increased by almost 3%, to more than 4100.

DSU President Dr. John Hilpert attributes the "satisfying recruitment year" to aggressive recruiting efforts and to the reputation of DSU, which

is, he says, "well-regarded by students and their families throughout the delta and the state, as well as outside of Mississippi."

How DSU can meet the needs of students is what admissions recruiter Steven Tomaszewski shares with potential recruits. Effective recruiting relies on an essential quality of academic life at DSU: faculty members are committed to student engagement, growth, and academic achievement. Here, the recruiter tells students, a low faculty/student ratio means they get individual attention that enhances the educational experience. Further, the affordable costs make coming to DSU practical, especially with the wide range of financial aid options available.

Tomaszewski also likes to tell them about "unique programs, such as commercial aviation and the new theatre program," and he points out the high acceptance rate of DSU graduates to professional programs.

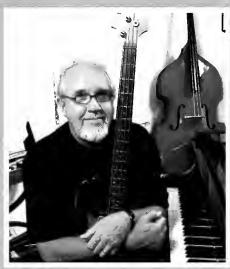


For entering freshman Kaitlyn Mize, Pontatoc, the initial reason for choosing DSU was pragmatic-the scholarship she received as an Honors Fellow. Now that she's here, sharing a room with someone who turns out to be a former classmate from kindergarten in Marks, she really likes DSU. "It's just nice here," Mize says. "When I came here, I barely knew anybody. But all the people here-students, faculty, staff-go out of their way to talk to you. That human contact makes you feel more at home; you dan't feel isolated."

That feeling of being individually appreciated, that belief of not being isolated, that's the DSU experience that recruiters are sharing and many more students this year have chosen.

Campus News







Dallas named Executive Director

David Dallas returns to campus this fall as the executive director of the Bologna Performing Arts Center. A native of Cleveland and graduate of Delta State, Dallas received his Master's Degree in Public Policy and Administration from Mississippi State University. He served six years with the United States Information Agency's-Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs before accepting the position of Director of International Programs at Drexel University. A chief responsibility for Dallas was to promote the University overseas which included fund raising and alumni events. Since leaving Drexel, Dallas has worked in the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania area schools and colleges teaching, acting, and writing. In addition, he is known locally as both a full-time actor and author of two critically acclaimed plays, *Barking Dawgs* and *A Gentleman from Mississippi*.

Putnam named Executive Director of the Delta Music Institute

Norbert Putnam was named Executive Director of the Delta Music Institute, a division of the Department of Music. He has appeared on over ten thousand recordings and produced 14 platinum albums and has worked with such recording artists as Elvis Presley, The Beatles, Roy Orbison, Linda Ronstadt, Ray Charles, Jimmy Buffett, Dan Fogelberg, Chet Atkins, and Kris Kristofferson.

A native of Florence, Alabama, Putnam will be responsible for the providing training in music technology and contemporary music studies along with course work in studio recording, music business, and performance experiences. "The Delta Music Institute will integrate practical experience in recording and ediring with interdisciplinary coursework," said Putnam. "It will revolutionize the way students learn about music and the music industry."

Hales Recognized by Community Development Society

Dr. Brent Hales, director of the Center for Community Development and assistant professor of Sociology and Community Development was presented the New Professional Award from the Community Development Society (CDS) at their annual international conference in July.

Since 1996, Hales has focused research on the examination, promotion, and community adoption of relecommunication technologies into the community's economic development plans and practices.

Hales spearheaded the development of the Mississippi Delta Technology Council, a collaborative project between public and private entities actively using technology in their business, development, or educational activities.

The award recognizes a superior contribution to the field of community development and the CDS.

In addition to the honors from the CDS, Hales was recently honored as a Distinguished Young Scholar by Trinity College of Hartford, Connecticut.

Honors Program Initiated

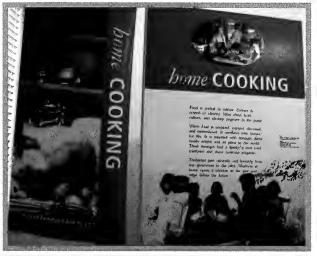
Seventeer students have enrolled in Delta State's newly initiated Honors Program according to Dr. Greg Honors Scholarships trave an average ACT score of 28 and high school GPA of 3.75," said Hospodor who has led a smaller program of LSU. "One of my goals is to establish an academic component and build experiences for students from that an riculum," he stated. "This year students will attend performances at the Bologna Performance, and are opening on the campus."

His pool of well-model the student and parents at a reception held on the first day of registration at the Whight Am Gullery. "Each student was presented with a commemorative Honors Program shift inscribed with the world that?" Arete was the most a riculated value in ancient Greek culture," said Hospodor. Often translated as virtue of excellence, the word actually means some hing closer to being the best your earlier of reaching your highest hunter potential. The Honors Program will encourage students to pursue arete. The examples

The program is designed to accept a montroum of twenty new students per year. Hospodor will personally work with each student serving as a montrou. Students accepted into the Program receive full tuition, toon and touch for four years. For more information, contact Hospodor at 662,846,4173.



WHAT IS YOUR KEY INGREDIENT?



The Smithsonian Institute's exhibit "Key Ingredients" opens November 20 at the Capps Archives and Museum.

Unless you are counting calories, odds are you pay little attention to the food you eat each day and its long-term impact. This fall the staff at the Charles W. Capps, Jr. Archives and Museum invites you to take your taste buds to the next level. Starting in September, all Archive events have one key ingredient in common — food.

"At every special occasion, a birthday party, graduations, weddings, funerals, the food provides a backdrop for people to gather and share stories. Churches host pot luck dinners in order for congregations to have a time to gather and fellowship," said Emily Erwin, University archivist. "These pieces of our food history are important to capture and share."

Erwin and her staff spent the summer compiling stories, recipes, and artifacts from the Delta that focus on the food traditions special to this region. These pieces will form a unique exhibit on display at the Archives September 23-November 13.

The idea, Erwin says, comes from the Smithsonian Institute's traveling exhibit Key Ingredients, opening November 20 oncampus. Visitors may view this national

exhibit through January 9 in the Capps Archives during regular hours, Monday-Thursday 8 a.m.-noon and 1p.m.-5p.m, Friday 8a.m.-noon and 1p.m.-4p.m. Financial assistance for this exhibit is provided by the Mississippi Humanities Council.

Other Key Ingredient inspired activities can be found online at www.deltastate.edu



Want to share your DSU food focused story? Visit www.deltastate.edu and click on "Key Ingredients: America by Food" in the headline section. Your story will become part of the Archives' permanent collection.



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Nature, as it turned out, would be the Statesmen's higgest irritial opponent. With the NCAA South Central Regional Tournament to be hosted by DSU in Cleveland, play was delayed over two days due to rain, thursder, lightning and the poor field conditions that would result from the inclement weather. Two days of networs anticipation built in the clubhouse as the tarp was pulled on and off Ferris Field mechanically, with the changing weather. Kinnison, waiting out the storms and monitoring the weather by interpret service in the press box, had taken to reading the Go Green wagazine that had come out sailler in the week. Inonically, Kinnison's own two graced the sover with the exprion, "Is this the year?" "Wouldn't we all like to know." Kinnison joleed before going our to drain seces water from left field.

Once Mother Nature cooperated, the Statesmen were happy to oblige with the best baseball they had played all year long. A nail biting 5-4 victory over the University of the Internate Word coupled with a thrilling 6-5 victory against Southern Arkansas set the table for a regional championship rematch with SAU. Hitting on all cylinders, DSU quickly dispatched SAU after a 13-run second inning to take the regional championship by a score of 24-2.

The game was a fine home finale for Jud Thigger, DSU's senior centerfielder. Named ABCA/Rawlings Division II Player of the Year in part due to his performance in the regional championship, Thigpen went six for six in the championship germ, batting in nine and soming twice. Thigpen finished the year with multiple rancer records and became the only Statesmen ever to break the 140-bit mark in a single season. Yet, this World Series would



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mean more to him then most, as his father Judson had fallen short with the Statesmen in the 1977 and 1978 campaigns. More then ever it became apparent to Jud and his teammates that perhaps this trip was for everyone that ever wore the Statesmen uniform.

Game One of the World Series featured a mix of nervous energy and adrenaline for DSU and their first opponents, the defending national champions and the team that had eliminated the Statesmen in their last visit in 2002: the number-one nationally ranked Central Missouri State. In the extra inning affair, junior pitcher Scott Ellison received credit for the win after a tenth inning blunder by Central Missouri's first baseman that allowed Clay Smith to score the winning run. With eight errors committed by both teams combined, the Statesmen walked away with an ugly win by their own admission. However, the Staresmen were pleased to be one step closer to their ultimate goal of winning the national Championship by taking game one by a score of 6-5.

Riding the confidence from Game One, the second game featured a matchup with Columbus State, the fourth ranked ream in the country. Jumping out in front 6-0 in the first three innings, DSU had the game in hand from the very beginning, out hitting Columbus State 19-8. Brad Lightsey got the win, pitching seven innings ad striking out five. The 14-5 final score set up a rematch with Central Missouri.

Everything seemed to be under control in the rematch with Central Missouri State, with the Statesmen leading 8-3 in the sixth inning. However, Central Missouri, under the pressure of elimination, battered the Statesmen for eight runs in the top of the seventh, eventually adding one more run, and taking the game 12-9, setting up a rubber match to get to the finals.

The third and deciding game against Central Missouri went back and forth, much to the delight of the 1,348 fans in attendance. DSU's 10-9 victory was credited to Ellison (his second in four games) as the winning run came in the eighth inning when Mark Broome doubled and scored on a Thigpen single.

The championship game against the Grand Valley State Lakers was a group effort, featuring senior



Changing the lay of the land: campus under construction

Physically, a mpus hesn't changed much, Josh West says since he first visited Delta State in 2000. That is, until this summer. West, Student Government Association president, says he has served on committees ironing out countless details in order for DSU to lounch some major initiatives this fall. Among changes, West remarked, are renovations to the Union and campus dining services, the One cord system, the relocation of student services to Kent Wyatt Hall, and the shuffle around compus of other departments.

"What's happening right new is exciting. Students left in May with the campus on the verge of some incredible changes," said West. "Life as they knew it is over. It might take some getting used to, but they'll embroce it. Chick-fil-A will be here; they're going to be thrilled!"

West spent the summer working from his Union office listening as construction crews removed tables and

chairs, ripped through dry well, drilled, and hammered, transforming the Mill and seating areas on the first floor into what he says is now the trendiest location on compus. It took about six weeks for ARAMARK to serve up a deli, pizzeria, coffee shop and cyber café, and full service convenience store in the space previously occupied by the Mill and Sunset Room. Delte State signed a multi-year contract with the company in July to manage dining

"We conducted a complete review of our food service options, and ARAMARK's excellent performance record and innovation in food service was unmatched," said Ben Bufkin, associate vice president for Finance. "Relying on ARAMARK for food service management will enable us to focus on programs that directly support learning."

Meanwhile Aremark will make sure everyone

gets their till of food. In addition to the renovations in the Union ARAMARK has plans for the Young Moulding

Elsie Lynn Ervin says as long as she can remember students have talked about the mystery meat. "ARAMARK is taking the mystery out. You'll know what you are getting, and the extended hours are very appealing. Students don't function on the working world's B-5 schedule." As Director of Housing and Residence Life, Ervin says students have shared ideas with her for years. She says students asked for more choices and extended hours. Variety is the spice of life now at Delta State. Meal plans are offered for residence or commuter students. Dining locations will open early and in same cases remain open until midnight.

More options for "dining-in" on compus are largely due to the partnership with ARAMARK, but a new one-



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cord system is also revolutionizing the student account system. More technology means more choices, more security and more control for students.

"Today, more than ever, our students are accustomed to technology and cash-less purchasing. They use dehit or credit cards on a regular basis. The one card system is Delta State's version of an all-in-one debit/access card. Students are able to manage multiple accounts," said Teresa Houston, performance auditor.

The one card system replaces the traditional ID system. The compus community will use it for just about everything-including event and facility access, vending,



and other on-compus purchases. Houston says the Okro Kard system has copplilities of expanding into the private sector, much like bank debit cords. On-line access makes managing accounts easy for students and parents.

This summer, while ARAMARK reconfigured

the Union, offices norcess compus were reconfigured as well. Student Services moved to Kent Wyott Holl (see the Compus Shuffle, next page) in June. The new configuration offers students one-stop shopping.

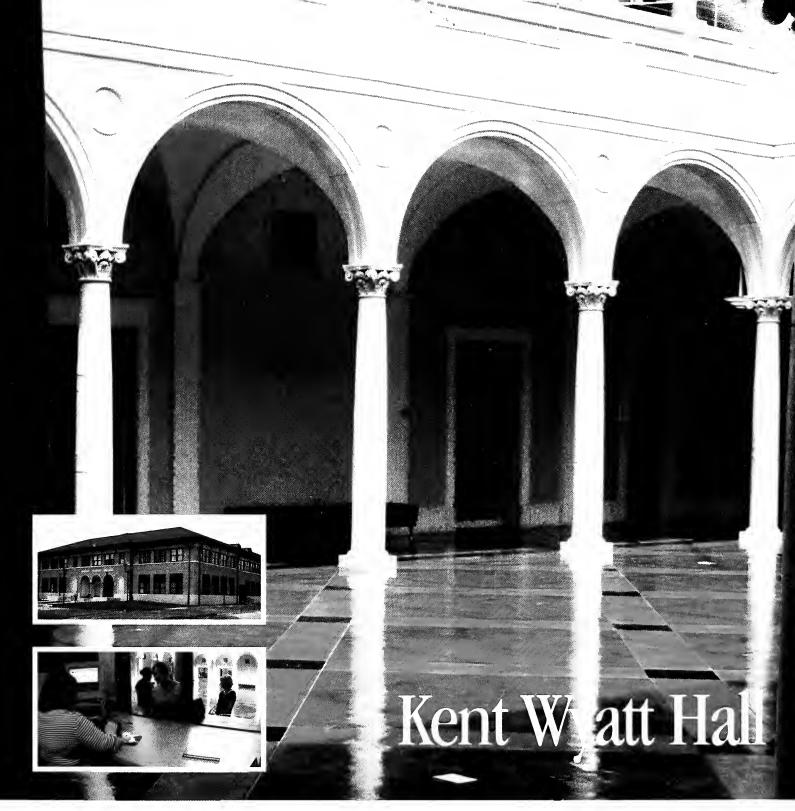
"Having our Student Services in one location offers students easy access. Before moving into Kent Wyatt Hall, offices were scattered across compus," said Billy Morehead, vice president for finance. "Our new Inyout simplifies the registration and payment process. It makes life easier for our students."

And while the Union might now be compus' trend setter, some alumni sny Kent Wyntt Hall is the most beautiful. Mandy Gordner, '79, says she was given a snock peak earlier this summer. "Kent Wyott Holf is amazing. You walk in and connot help but appreciate the

creativity that went into designing the building. From a functionality standpoint, it will benefit the students to have those offices in one location."

Offices located on the first floor include Admissions and Recruiting, the Registrar and Graduate Admissions, Burson, and Financial Aid. Administrative offices occupy the second floor.

The compus community is settling into their new homes and embrocing the idea of expanded services and selections. Other changes, of course, will come. Some will revamp the aesthetics of campus, others will increase services to students. Josh West says that physically compus won't be the same, but the family environment he discovered at Delta State will never change.



The Campus Shuffle: Offices on the Move

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a Mississippian who has been recognized as the foremost medical physiologist of the 20th Century

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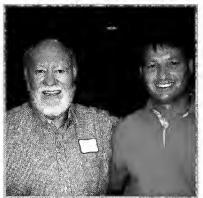
Dr. James D. Hardy (deceased), who is internationally recognized for his pioneering role in trans, lantation surgery

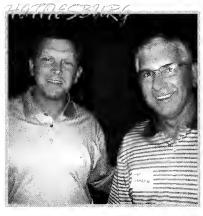
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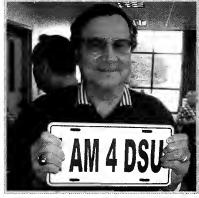




















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2004 Outstanding Alumnus Mike Kinnison

Mike Kinnison, '77, will be honored at the Alumni Association's Homecoming Brunch on October 16, as Delta State University's Outstanding Alumnus for 2004.

Kinnison, Delta State's head baseball coach, has completed his 11th season at Delta State University, his eighth as head coach of the Statesman program. His teams have accumulated an overall mark of 411-103 and a 166-29 mark in the alwaysstrong Gulf South Conference.

Since being named Gulf South Conference "Coach of the Year" in his first year at the helm in 1997, Kinnison has led the team to Western Division Championships eight straight years, a runner-up finish in the GSC Tournament, GSC Championships in 2000, 2003, and 2004, seven NCAA South Central Regional appearances, and three NCAA South Central Championships with appearances in the NCAA Division II World Series in 2001, 2002, and 2004. He reached the 350 win plateau faster than any other DSU baseball coach, guiding the Statesmen to records of 36-20 in 1997, 39-12 in 1988, 41-12 in 1999, 48-12 in 2000, 50-11 in 2001, 50-8 in 2002, 52-10 in 2003, and a 54-11 National Championship season in 2004. He has been recognized as ABCA Regional Coach of the Year in 2001, 2002, and 2004 and ABCA Division II National Coach of the Year in 2004.

Prior to taking the controls in 1997, the former Delta State All-American served as an assistant coach for three years in the Statesmen program. He was an important part of the leadership that guided Delta State to World Series berths in 1994 and 1996.

The Benton, Miss., native was a standout at Delta State under coach Dave "Boo" Ferriss from 1977-1978, he still holds single season records in at-bats (233) and doubles (25). Kinnison recorded a .343 batting average with 25 doubles and 56 RBI as a senior shortstop that sparked a second-place finish in the 1978 NCAA Division II College World Series.

Before returning to his alma mater, Kinnison coached in the high school ranks in Mississippi for 14 years. His prep coaching record is 292-83 with state titles at Jackson Prep High School in 1982, 1990, and 1991.

Kinnison earned his Bachelor and Master degrees in Math Education from Delta State in 1977 and 1978. He is married to the former Cindy Colbert of Grenada. They are the parents of two daughters, Mary Claire and Kate.





Other honorees will be Woyne Lee, Jr., Hugh Ellis Wolker Service Award; Dr. and Mrs. Stacy Davidson, Gladys Costle "Friend of Delta State University" Service Award, and John Cox, Kent Wyntt Young Alamnus Service Award.

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Let Our Legacy Soar

The Delta State University Comprehensive Campaign

Fundraising efforts of the Delta State University Alumni-Foundation have led to \$31 million in gifts and pledges in support of the University. The campaign, Wings and Rotes Let Our Legacy Sour, is a multi-year, \$35 million comprehensive fundraising effort designed to meet the greatest priorities of the University in both undergraduate education and regional enhancement.

"The Foundation set an ambitious \$12 million goal for this campuign. As you might expect, we were energized and gratified cluring the initial phases when we reached our yeal," said Ned Mitchell, campaign chair.

Mitchell said the Campaign surpassed its original goal in October of 2002, and a new goal was set by the Foundation Board at \$35 million.

Support provided as a result of the Campaign will be used to fund scholarships, faculty development, athletics, and other campus priorities. In addition, Wings and Roots has solicited support for the University in regards to specific regional enhancement projects.

Additionally, the University has recently received four estate gifts totaling \$1.3 million for end wments which will fund numerous

The Delta State

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scholarships for deserving and needy students and endow an academic program.

the Wings & Roots
campaign April 28.
"I received financial support from the Kent and Janice Wyatt Faculty Development Fund to attend the

2001 meeting of the Jane Austen S ciety f

Construction on the Billy Dorgan, Jr. Student Performance Center began last fall. Its development is part of the Wings and Roots campaign.

North America, held in Seattle," stated Dr. Susan Allen Ford, professor of English.

"I learned much from the scholars and participants about the connections between Jane Austen's work and the music, art, and architecture of the period. That kind of interdisciplinary focus has been invaluable to me. My growing cultural knowledge of the period in which Jane Austen lived and wrote (1775-1816) has strengthened my teaching in a number of the courses for which I'm responsible."

"I am most grateful to the Delta State Foundation and donors to the Kent and Janice Wyatt Faculty Development Fund for making possible this opportunity for my growth as scholar and teacher," Ford said.

The Campaign has also managed to secure a \$150,000 pledge from the Nissan Manufacturing Plant located in Canton. The Nissan gift will support the College of Education's Superintendents' Academy.

"Nissan's gift will support the Superintendents' Academy through a specific program focusing on developing superintendents' leadership skills. The Academy offers ten valuable days of intense interaction with experts and noted school leaders in a stimulating and supportive

environment," stated Dr. Lynn House, dean of the College of Education.

"We understand the greatest investment we can make in our community is to invest in the education of our young people," said Dave Boyet, Vice President of Manufacturing for Nissan North America-Canton. "The gift to Delta State University signifies our long term commitment to higher education in Mississippi."

"The great success of this campaign is something both the Delta State and Cleveland communities can be proud of. This support will allow what we do here, providing educational opportunities and serving as a channel for regional growth, to continue. Producing outstanding graduates who become leaders in the region, generating financial resources that apply to the region, and catalyzing partnerships that bring benefits to the region, are a few of the reasons why Delta State University is the best regional university in America," said Dr. John M. Hilpert, president of Delta State.

The Campaign continues until the \$35 million goal is reached.

This is the second capital campaign in the 80-year history of the University.

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The Delta State Fund sets records "After only a few calls I realized how much our alumni care about the University... they

Thanks to the efforts of 25 students, \$138,785 was pledged to The Delta State Fund, the first-ever phon-a-thon held by the Student Foundation. callers worked three weeks in March and April contacting alumni and friends, inviting them to make a gift to support the University. Records were set in the amount pledged (\$138,785), participation rate (13%), and number of first-time donors (1,360).



Scott Coopwood, and Dr. John Hilpert are presented a check from student callers (L to R) Vanessa Meneses and Pooja Kothan during Inauguration Week.

"This was my first-time to ask anyone to give money, and I was extremely nervous," said Vanessa Meneses, a freshman from Biloxi. "After only a few calls I realized how much our alumni care about the University. They not only made a gift, but talked to me about how Delta State helped change their lives," she stated.

"I received a call and made a gift, but after a lengthy conversation with the student caller I ended up tripling my initial commitment," said, Scott Coopwood, Chair of the Department Committee. "The University and the Foundation can be proud of the students for this historic achievement."

"We also acknowledge our corporate sponsors who assisted in keeping cost to a minimum. CellularSouth provided complimentary cellphones and refreshments were provided by Nehi Bottling Co., Kroger, Winn Dixie, and SuperValu," stated Coopwood.

The Delta State Fund



CONTINUE TO JOIN US IN CHANGING LIVES" BY MAKING A GIFT TO THE DELTA STATE FUND!

Help the University set new records by joining the nearly 2,000 donors from the first-ever phon-a-thon and make a gift.

Please consider one of the below gift levels when called

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 Dean's Circle
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Calling begins October 31

Philanthrop

Baseball Annex to Memorialize J.A. "Bud" Thigpen

A generous gift by the J.A. "Bud" Thigpen family will allow the Delta State University athletic department to construct a new baseboll annex facility adjacent to the Chadwick-Dickson Athletic Building.

"This gift is so appropriate seeing how the Thigpen name is synonymous with Delto State Boseball," said Athletics Director Brad Teogue. "Noming this building after Bud will ensure that the Thigpen name will be remembered as it should by future Delta State athletes."

"The University is pleased that such loyal supporters as the Thigpens would choose to honor Bud in this fashion," said Ned Mitchell, past president of the Foundation Board of Directors and chair of the "Wings and Roots" campaign. "Their generosity coupled with that of the many other supporters of athletics, puts our campaign right at the three million dollar mark raised for athletics since January of 2000."

Construction of the focility will be directed by Singleton Architects of Jackson, who were also responsible for the construction of the Delta State Aquatic Center, and are the primary architects for the ongoing construction of the Billy Dorgan, Jr. Student Performance Center.



Dr. Brad Teague, Director of Athletics, discusses the layout of the Thigpen Baseball Annex during the project announcement in early lune.

To make a gift to the Athletic Department please contact Dr. Teague at 662.846.4300 email bteague@deltastate.edu

Planned gift received



Martha F. Bullock, a 1936 graduate, provided for the University in her estate plans, which resulted in a gift of more than \$143,000. Bullock passed away at the age of 90 on October 5, 2002. She is now a posthumous member of the University's prestigious planned giving club, The Quadrangle Oak Society.

A native of Shelby, she earned her B.S.E. degree from Delta State Teachers College, taught in the Shelby Public Schools and worked for over 30 years at the Bank of Bolivar County in Shelby before retiring in 1986.

Her gift was made in memory of her brother, Robert Cogdell "Coggy" Bullock, who graduated from Delta State in 1929. He played on one of the first fromball teams and served as vice president of the student body.

If you've named the University in your estate plans or if you'd like more information about planned giving, please notify us at 662.846.4709 or e-mail kfulcher@deltastate.edu.

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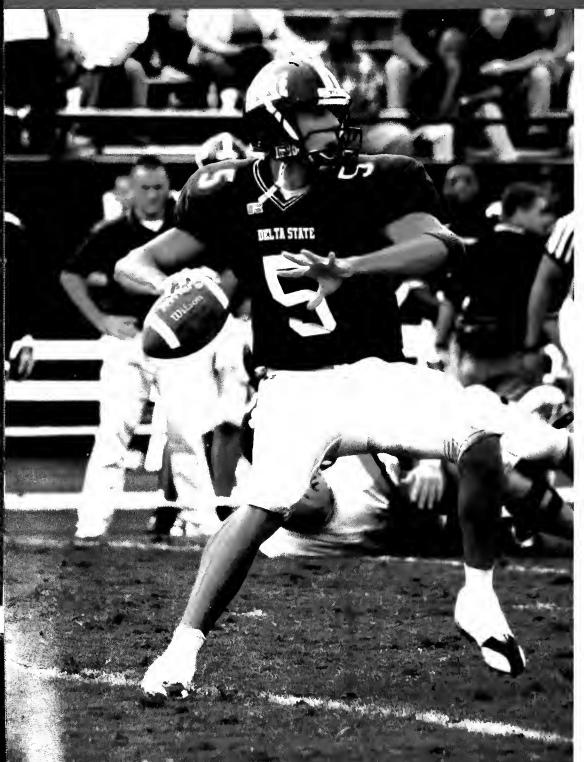
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DSU FOTBALL



The Delta State University Statesmen return to the gridiron this season with great expectations, lofty goals, and a cautious optimism that they will be able to accomplish those goals with a talented cast of newcamers and a young but experienced cast of returning characters that helped last season's Statesmen offensively punish their opponents en route to a 9-2 season.

The Statesmen look to continue their upward march this season after last season's record-setting 9-2 campaign that saw the Statesmen re-write the Delta State and Gulf South Conference record backs. The 2003 offense was the top offense in Division II, and the Statesmen hope to re-capture the offensive fire from last season and take this year's team to the playoffs.

The road to a national championship is never an eosy one, but the Statesmen are cautiously optimistic about their chances.

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OFFENSE
Sophamore signal-caller Scott Eyster cetums to the helin after a breakout freshman season where he picked up a multitude of hanars, including Gulf South Conference Freshman of the feat, his standing among the other tap quartervacks in the nation is high as Eyster ranked in the tap or nationally in passing afficiency (1916), 152.71 and total affects (11, 227.5 yards per gams).

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"We have a good nucleus coming back," said Statesmen head cooks Rick Physides. "I know it will be a challenge, but I hape to be no least as productive as last season.

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With the Classes

1940s

Christine Young '41, Daytona Beach Shores, Florida, has retired from teaching. She initiated a project that provides free turbans and port pillows for cancer victims.

Mary Davis '47, Bay City, Michigan, is the director for the Curriculum Development Center.

1950

Dr. J. William Thompson '50, Nashville, Tennessee, has edited a music history book written by his wife, Fay Jennings Thompson, titled <u>Notes on Shaped Notes</u>.

1960s

Lyenatte Goff '60, Phoenix, Arizona, retired after completion of 40 years as a Mathematics instructor at the Maricopa County Community College District.

Jane Rowe '61, Cocoa, Florida, has recently retired as director of Christian Education for Rockledge Presbyterian Church.

Jo Betty Aldy '61, Sallis, has recently retired from teaching after 42 years in the Mississippi Public Schools.

James E. Hubbert '61, Jasper, Alabama, was recently inducted into Fayette County Sports Hall of Fame.

Oliver McLean '64, Magee, Arkansas, is the executive vice president for Peoples Bank.

Eugene B. Hill, Jr. '67, Koscinsko, retired from the Mississippi State Employment Services.

Chandler P. Worley, Jr. 68, Billings, Montana, is supervisory contract specialist for the Bureau of Reclamation's Chief of the Contracting Officer for the Great Plains Region.

Claudia Nisbett '68, of Jackson has accepted a job with Faulkner University in Montgomery, Alabama.

James Anders '69, of Summit was inducted into Southwest Mississippi Community College Hall of Fame.

1970s

Linda Schlansker '70, Colorado Springs, Colorado, is the administrator of preschool program for Head Start and adjunct faculty for Colorado Christian University in Early Childhood Education.

Charles McCurdy '71, Florence, was the first "CPPO" (Certified Public Purchasing Officer) in Mississippi and is currently the Division Director for the Mississippi Public Service Commission.

Susan Vetrano '71, Rosedale, has retired from FEDEX after 30 years.

Debra Johnson '73, Indianola, is a part time legal secretary for Gary L. Austin, Attorney at law.

Carlene Peterson '73 Mound Bayou, is a teacher at Coahoma Community College.

Marvin Pearson '73, Oxford, is a counselor at Lafayette High School.

Clarence Richardson '78, Jackson, has been appointed to the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws.

Charles Carraway '79, Terry, is an associate professor of art at Jackson State University.

Timothy Lockley '79, Gulfport, retired from USDA after 35 years of service, and is now District Entomologist for the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce - Bureau of Plant Industry.

Dr. Debbie Fioranelli '79, Cleveland, a science specialist at the Hayes Cooper Center for Math, Science, and Technology in Merigold, recently became a National Board Certified Teacher.

1980s

Dan Peters '80 West Chester, Ohio, is currently an Associate Head Coach of the University of Cincinnati Men's Basketball Team.

Robert Sims '81, Jackson, was Terry High School's Teacher of the Year and was named Hinds County School District's Teacher of the Year in 2003. In 2004, he was named the Music Educator of the Year for the State of Mississippi.

George Porter '81, Pascagoula, is working as the Captain and Head of Port Communication for Colle Towing.

Reno Bourguignon '82. Lawrenceville, Georgia, is the Executive Director, MD & E, Inc, and sole proprietor, for Reno M. Bourguignon, CPA.

Jan Hagen '82, Madison, is the Division Director with Public Employees' Retirement System.

Lieutenant Colonel Mark R. Nail '82, U. S. Army Reserve, New Albany, has returned home from a two year Army Reserve mobilization in support of Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom.

Woodson Ruschewski '83, Benton, was the Star Teacher for 2003 and is the Chairman of the math department of Yazoo County High School.

Lynnette D. Morrison '83, Clarksdale, was elected President of Mississippi Educational Computing Association.

Timothy Alan Goodwin '85, Olive Branch, was appointed Deputy Director General for the Americas of the International Biographical Center of Cambridge, England.

Marilyn Gelman '85, Greenwood, is the New Blood Bank Supervisor at Greenwood Hospital.

Lawrence Austin '86, Ridgeland, is Captain of the United States Army Reserve JAG Corps.

Cynthia Moses '87, Jackson, is the Director of Administrative Services for the Mississippi Tax Commission.

DeVoyce Morris '88, Mound Bayon, is the president of the Mississippi Delta Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa International, and vice-president of the newly chartered chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority Chi Omega.

Vicki Bingham '88, Boyle, is the coordinator of Academic Programs for Delta State University School of Aursing.

Missy Kistemaker '88, South Carolina, started a business from home with The Pampered Chef.

Arthur Johnston, III '89, Madison, was elected Madison County Chancery Clerk.

Beverly Johnston '89, Madison, was named Madison County School District Principal of the Year

Spring Heflin '89, Brandon, is a graduate of Leadership Jackson.

Joyce Aycock '89, Boyle, is the physical education instructor at Margaret Green Junior High School.

1990's

Rhonda Bagby '90, Cleveland, has been promoted to a national field Chief Financial Officer position with United Healthcare, a United Health Group Company.

Keith Aycock '90, Boyle, is Headmaster at Greenville Christian School.

Margaret Burchfield '91, Clinton, is the Assistant Vice President for Trustmark Bank.

Carrie Bell 91, Pace, was named state finalist for the 2003 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics Science Teaching and the Fred Brown Memorial Outstanding High School Science Teacher of the Year for 2003.

Lisa Collins '91, Cordova, Tennessee, is a CDA and homemaker and works part-time for Company Dance.

Wayne Ray '91, Ridgeland, is a realtor with RE/MAX Alliance in Jackson.

Dwight Herlong '91, Powder Springs, Georgia, is a Vice President with Federated Department Stores.

Paul Kyle '91, Prairieville, Louisiana, is a Commercial Lender with Whitney National Bank in Gonzales, Louisiana.

With the Classes

Kelly Street '91, Indianola, is a Salesperson and Property Manager for MS/Yazoo Development Corporation.

Dr. Erin Cummins '92, Madison, has joined the Central Surgical Association and has been inducted in the James D. Hardy Surgical Society.

Regina Spratin '92, Greenville, has taken the position of Clinic Administrator of the Greenville Clinic in Greenville.

Jimmie (Randall) Landerdale '93, Greenville, has been promoted to Senior Grants Manager at South Delta Planning and Development District.

Phillip David Redden, II '93, Southaven, received a doctorate from the Church of God Theological Seminary in Cleveland, Tennessee.

Julie Massie Clark '93, Sumner, graduated from the University of Mississippi with a Doctor of Philosophy in Leadership and Counselor Education. She is an Associate Professor in the Department of Commercial Aviation Program, Flight Instructor, and Chair of the Faculty Senate at Delta State.

Jackie Williamson '94, Jackson, is the Head Football Coach at Terry High School.

Christopher Langley '94, Memphis, Tennessee, is an Accounting Supervisor in Wisconsin and Ohio.

James McDowell '95, Brandon, is an instructor pilot with the Air National Guard. While flying in the Middle East he has acquired 5 combat readiness medals and 2 air medals for combat missions.

Kandy Pilgrim '95, Senatobia, is a Social Worker at the Baptist Memorial Hospital – Desoto Rehabilitation Unit.

James Glorioso '95, Madison, is the North Regional Credit Officer and the Assistant Vice President for Trustmark.

Chris Wilson '95, Southaven, is currently serving as the City Administrator/CAO for Southaven, Mississippi and was elected as Chairman of the DeSoto County Republican Party.

Tanya McAdory '96, Kettering, Ohio, has completed a Master of Science in therapeutic recreation at USM and is working on a doctorate in Higher Education Administration.

Leslie Rooks '96, Jackson, is currently a registered nurse first assistant with Marque LLC.

Katie Caroline Moorhead '96, Hartsville, Tennessee, has accepted a position as a Registered Nurse at Vanderbilt University in Nashville.

Jacquelyn Dalton '96, Madison, is currently working on a doctorate degree in Rehabilitation

Psychology at the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

Dr. Sherri Arledge, M.D. '97, Jackson, a Physician at University of MS Medical Center has started a Hematology/Oncology Fellowship.

Joseph "Joey" Ashley '97, Magee, Arkansas, is the senior property Manager with Sun Belt Management Company for Mississippi, Tennessee, and Arkansas.

Trey Lindsey '97, Richland, is the Assistant Baseball and Softball coach at Richland High School.

Mia Fioranelli '97, Memphis, has been promoted to Director of Facility Operations with Rehab Works in Memphis, where she manages 10 therapists.

Christopher Cummins, M.D. '97, Grenada, has begun residency in an integrative family medicine program in Kingsport, Tennessee, as an intern at East Tennessee State University.

Mary Rizzo '98, Cleveland, received a Professional Representative II, Peer Leadership Award for Southeastern region in 2004 for Merck & Company.

Farrah Cox '98, Brandon, received a Quality Service Award for 2002-2003 for being a million-dollar producer with Century 21 Maselle & Associates.

Twentis Magee '98, Slidell, Louisiana, is a manager with Sherwin Williams.

Carla Rushing '98, Marks, owns her own business, Rushing Enterprises. She is currently working on her MBA at Delta State.

Bobbie Simpson '99, Madison, is a managing partner at The Lane Law Firm, specializing in admiralty law.

Shannon Myers '99, Lake Village, Arkansas, is the clinical rehab coordinator for Sta-Home Health.

Elizabeth Sorrells '99, Collierville, Tennessee, was promoted to work in the risk management area of the Industrial Package within International Paper-Finance Division.

Matt Day '99, Fort Worth, Texas, graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree.

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Mary Haaga '00, Brandon, is currently secretary and treasurer of Jackson Area Alumni Association.

Dana Lewis '00, Jackson, is a realtor for Prudential Premiere Properties. She was the top producer in her office for 2003.

Baby Statesmen

Ainsley Claire to Mr. and Mrs. Steven Ham (Faithe Freeze '97) on June 19, 2003.



Preston Michael to Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Kyle '91 on June 19, 2003.

Hayden Sophia to Mr. and Mrs. Chris Few (Christi Herrington '93) on August &, 2003.

Cora Reagan to Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Bryan Palmer '96 (Kimberly Carroll '92) on September 29, 2003.

Seth Lane to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dale Sorgen '90 on October 13, 2003.

Parker Bryant to Mr. and Mrs. Jason Harris (Laura Wolfe '99) on October 24, 2003.

Reed Armstrong to Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Terrell '94 on November 13, 2003.

Matthew Ryan to Mr. and Mrs. Prian Dillard (Kim Wiley '94) on November 14, 2003.



Taylor Michelle to Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Hughes '86 (Carla McMaster '86) on November 24, 2003

Madeline Frances v. Mr. and Dr. Christopher Arledge (Sherri Sullivan '97) on November 24, 2003.

Elizabeth Live to Mr. and Mrs. William Chance Coleman '97 (Chrisann Coker '97) on December 27, 2703.

Caroline Elisabeth to Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Clark Teel '97 (Cherylon Mitchell '98) on December 24, 2003.



Caroline Jane to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Dew (Stacy Elizabeth Young '94) on December 31, 2003.



Jack Robert to Mr. and Mrs. Matthew J. Baity '95 (Shannon M. Hall '96) on January 16, 2014.



Zan Christopher to Mr. and Mrs. Terry Ellis '93 on January 22, 2014.

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Baby Statesmen



Richard Anthony to Mr. and Mrs. John Anthony Ladner (Mara Nicole Kellem '98) on February 11, 2004.



Daniel Darnell to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel D. Vussel (Tana Pittman '89) on February 28, 2004.



Grayson Haze to Mr. and Mrs. Jason Childress (Emily Allen '99) on February 11, 2004.



Carson Andrew to Mr. and Mrs. John Russell Miller (Shannon Treadway Miller '96) on March 5, 2004.

Alden Elizabeth to **Dr. and Mrs. Lee Baker** '89 on March 12, 2004.

Cooper Edward to **Dr. and Mrs. Brad Teague** '92 (Gina Beach '93) on March 15, 2004.



Rhianna Rose to **Mr. and Mrs.** Randall DeGeorge '83 on March 18, 2004.



Caroline Paige to Mr. and Mrs. Jason Carter '94 (Kristin Galtelli '95) on April 20, 2064.

Addison Marie to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vargas '98 (Patricia Aguzzi '99) on May 2, 2014.

Tyler Kristian to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas "Kris" King '01 on May 4, 2004.

Jett Eastern to Mr. and Mrs. Casey D. Myrick '98 on May 24, 2004.

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Ryan Strawbridge '00, Ridgeland, is a customer service representative for Merchants and Farmers Bank in Canton.

Leigh Ann Akers Purvis '00, Hessmer, Louisiana, has been promoted to Human Resource Manager of Roy O. Martin Lumber Company.

Patricia "Tish" Taylor Line '01, Hattiesburg, is the area manager for Stryker Howmedica Osteonics Spine Division.

Nicholas Thompson '01, Alexandria, Virginia, is currently a Political Research Analyst for the Tarrance Group.

William McAdory '01, Noxapater, is a Farm Bureau Insurance Agent in Louisville.

Eric Swope, '01, Colorado Springs, Colorado, placed 910 out of 43,000 participants in the Bolder Bonlder 10K run.

Kelly Jennings '02, Clinton, is currently working for the American Cancer Society in Communications and Marketing.

Daniel M. Purvis '02, Hessmer, Louisiana, has been named Student Activities and Intramural Coordinator for Louisiana State University in Alexandria.

Amanda Bland '02, Magee, is a Data Specialist for the Education Department at Forrest General Hospital in Hattiesburg.

Amanda Madison '02, Coffeeville, is an Office Automation Assistant for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District, and The Grenada Project Management Office.

Arvelle Hodge '03, Tampa, Florida, was recently crowned Miss University of South Florida.

Jamie Harvey '03, West Palm Beach, Florida, is a Assistant Branch Manager for Enterprise Rent-A-Car Company.

James F. Grubbs '03, Magee, is an Emergency Room Tech for Forrest General Hospital in Hattiesburg.

Rebecca Seawright '04, Cleveland, is an Editorial Assistant of *Delta Magazine*.

Yumekia Jones '04, Indianola, is employed with Dollar General Corporation in Indianola.

Jennifer Jobes '04, Evansville, Indiana, is currently working as a chemical industrial sales representative for Brenntag Mid-South, Inc.

Morgan Geoghagan '04, Jackson, is a Staff Accountant with CPA Firm Lefold and Company.

Pamela Mathews

Pamela Mathews, spouse of former university president, David Potter, passed away Friday, April 9, 24-4, at her Galisteo, New Mexico home. A memorial service was held at the Fologna Performing Arts Center.

While serving as "first lady" of Delta State University from 1999 to 2003 she was involved with several initiatives to promote the arts in the schools of the Delta and at the university. She was instrumental in creating a sculpture competition and garden at Delta State. The university recognized her contributions by naming the award to purchase sculptures from the competition in her name.



IN MEMORIAM

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Wedding Bells

Charity L. Caples to Robert Allen Pitts on June 21, 2003

Amanda "Mandy" Leigh Walker '02 to Jason Baldwin Shelton on October 25, 2003.

Ashley Michelle Luby to Joshua David Seymour on February 7, 2004.

Geary Stephan Howell, Jr. '02 to Lindsey Anne Williams on February 14, 2004.

Amy Kathryn Roncali to Charles Terry Chicorelli on February 14, 2004.

Callie Elizabeth Wyatt '00 to Robert Mark McGowan on February 21, 2004.

William Joseph Taylor '04 to Courtney Elizabeth Morris on February 28, 2004.

Matthew Ryan Walker to Christy Michelle Avent on March 13, 2004.

Nikki Holden to Preston Burkes on March 17, 2004.

Mary Margaret Merrill '99 to Daron Lusk '01 on March 20, 2004.

Richard Bradley Prewitt '90 to Dr. Malinda Dawn Mallory on March 20, 2004.

Amber Ceceile Vaughn '02 to Robert Hugh Melton '97 on March 20, 2004.

Jonathan David Grimes to Somer Elizabeth Estes on March 27, 2004.

John Zachary Rone '02 to ShaunnaLyn Carol Shields on April 3, 2004.

Theresa Sanders '96 to Louis Kevin Hand on April 3, 2004.

Anna Faith Edmonds '01 to Russell Gene Newman, Il on April 17, 2004.

Kristie Amber Vance to Joshua Scott Montesi on April 17, 2004.

Christal Leigh Grimmett to Clinton Taylor Hudson on April 24, 2004. Emily Dye to John Mark Elliott on April 24, 2004.

Julie Blair Holder '00 to Randal Edward Goodwin '00 on April 24, 2004.

Heather Anete Reno '01 to Brian David Robinson on May 15, 2004.

Christopher Robert Gabucci to Michelle Brooks Bramlett on May 15, 2004.

Ashlee Elizabeth Dangelo '00 to Vincent Henry Ricotta '00 on May 22, 2004

Leslie Day Steele '04 to Brian Carter Bishop '99 on May 22, 2004.

Tara Beausoliel '02 to Chris Willis '99 on May 22, 2004.

Dawn Brown to Chris Coletta on June 2, 2004.

Gloria Elizabeth Haaga to James "Jay" Joseph Joel, Jr. on June 5, 2004.

Michael Edward Randle to Thelma Denise Buchanan on June 5, 2004.

Melissa "Missy" Rhiannon Pitts '01 to Jackson Lee Walters on June 5, 2004.

Jean Elizabeth Haire '04 to Travis Michael Carpenter '04 on June 12, 2004.

Mara Carley Jepsen '01 to Matthew Thomas Hill on June 12, 2004.

Carla Renee' Blaylock '04 to Robert Daniel Hill '04 on June 12, 2004.

Andrew Hays Collins '04 to Brooke Allison Rutledge '04 on June 19, 2004.

Denessa Vanette Potts '01 to Timothy Terrail Toombs on June 19, 2004.

Hannah Elizabeth Foreman to Timothy Jasen Norwood on June 26, 2004.

Natasha Tamekia Richardson to Lapatrick Darnell Allen on June 26, 2004.

Melissa Law '04 to Charles Joseph Kovarcik on June 26, 2004.

Meg Elise Warren '04 to Matthew Ward Jones '03 on June 26, 2004.

David William Womack '02 to Amber Sharee McNeil on June 26, 2004.

Bonni Summer Brown '02 to Evan Andrew Corley '01 on June 26, 2004.

Ben Carver '03 to Jamie Lee Gearren on June 26, 2004.

Meggan Lee '03 to Michael Timothy Nix, Jr. '01 on June 26, 2004.

Christopher Blake Hardman to Jessica Margaret Burgos on July 10, 2004.

Shana Annell Merideth '04 to Jason Victor Weick on July 10, 2004.

Sherica Williams '96 to Clifton Reed on July 10, 2004.

Sarah Katherine Gantz '03 to Richard Stephen Pannel on July 10, 2004.

Susan Lynn Towery '03 to Justin Franklin Prather on July 10, 2004.

Benny Micheal McLendon, Jr. '96 to Traci Alese Alford on July 12, 2004.

Lauren Elizabeth Fioranelli '01 to Hunter Brock Caston '99 on July 17, 2004.

William B. "Chuck" Upchurch '87 to Elizabeth Truemper on March 13, 2004.

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Jennifer Savell Duet	2004
Charles Madison Overstreet, Jr.	2001
James M. Lee	2003
Crystal L. Kendrick	2003
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Andrew Hays Collins	2004
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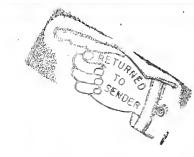
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